



ARE YOU
READY, NICO?

YES.





I'M GONNA KICK
HARD, OKAY? ARE
YOU SURE YOU'RE
READY?

YES!

WELL,
THEN....





TAKE IT!



OH.



POW





NICO...?

WUAAAAA!

SO, YOU'RE
GOING TO TAKE
CARE OF THE
CHILD...

I HAVE
NO CHOICE,
EVANS.

HIS MOTHER
DIED IN ORDER
TO PROTECT ME.



I'M HAVING A
CONVERSATION,
MARK...

BUT HE'S
BLEEDING!

THERE'S A FIRST-AID
KIT CLOSE TO THE COUNTER.
LOOK FOR SOMETHING IN
THERE.

WUAAAA!

I COULD TAKE CARE
OF HIM, PENDRAGON. MARK
WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE
A LITTLE BROTHER.

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY TAKE
CARE OF TWO CHILDREN
BY YOURSELF.

EVEN THOUGH, TO BE
HONEST, I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO...

WHEN HIS MOTHER
CAME ASKING FOR HELP,
THE CHILD WAS ABOUT
TO DIE.



FOR THIS REASON, WHEN
HE CAME BACK TO THE VILLAGE
AND HE WAS TOTALLY HEALED,
EVERYBODY KNEW IT WAS
BECAUSE OF WITCHCRAFT.

BUT THEY
ACCUSED HIS
MOTHER.

THINKING THAT
SHE OWNED ME A FAVOR,
SHE CHOSE NOT TO
BETRAY ME.

AND SHE WAS
EXECUTED IN MY
PLACE.

WHAT!? SHE
WAS ALL HER CHILD
HAD!

I DOUBT THAT SHE
THOUGHT THEY WOULD REALLY
KILL HER... AT THE END OF THE
DAY, EXECUTING WIZARDS IS
FORBIDDEN.

...THEORETICALLY.

THAT'S WHY... I
CAN'T LEAVE THE CHILD
ALONE. HE'S AN ORPHAN
BECAUSE OF ME.

BUT I CAN'T
LET HIM GET TOO
ATTACHED TO ME.



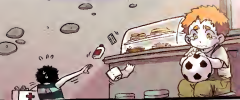
I DON'T WANT
ANYONE ELSE TO DIE
BECAUSE OF ME.

I'M A WIZARD.
I'M DANGEROUS.

IF I'M ALONE,
EVANS, THERE'S
ONLY ONE REASON.

IN THE END...

ANYBODY WHO HAS
TO DO WITH ME ENDS
UP BADLY.





NICO!
LOOK AT
ME!



YOU'RE
HEALED NOW!





PAIN
WILL FADE SOON,
NICO!

AND THIS
PLASTER IS A
PROOF!

PROOF?



YES! A
WOUND IS A PROOF
OF COURAGE.



GETTING HURT
ISN'T FUN.

BUT SCARS ARE
COOL. PIRATES HAVE
TONS OF THEM.

SCARS, BANDAGES,
PLASTERS...



NOW YOU'RE
A TOUGH GUY,
NICO!

OH...

NICO

I THINK I'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS.



I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE GOOD ENOUGH.



I WANTED THE MASTER TO BE PROUD OF ME.





IT'S NICE.

BUT CALL ME
PENDRAGON, NICO.

I'M
NOT YOUR
FATHER.

AFTERALL, HE WAS ALL I HAD.

WELL, ALMOST.

HAHAHA. HOW
UGLY! YOU LOOK
LIKE A CARROT!

GINGER HAIR!

AND YOU'RE
TOOTHLESS,
DUMBASS!





LOOK,
LITTLE CARROT
BOY WANTS TO
FIGHT BACK...



WHY DON'T
YOU PICK ON SOMEONE
YOUR OWN SIZE,
COWARDS?

MARK!

IT'S
EVANS, THE
GIABANT!

I... I'M
SORRY...



HEY!

HEY!

WANNA COME
OVER MY PLACE? DAD
MADE MUFFINS.

SURE!

AND THEN
WE CAN CATCH
TADPOLES!

HAHAHA! WHAT
ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

PLEASESE!

OKAY,
OKAY!





BUT AS MUCH AS I TRIED, IT WAS
NEVER ENOUGH.

IS THAT A
DRAGON, DAD?

THAT'S SO
COOL!



DON'T CALL
ME DAD!





I... I'M
SORRY...

AND I'VE ALREADY
TOLD YOU NOT TO
BOTHER ME WHEN
I'M DOING MAGIC!

MAGIC IS
DANGEROUS!

IT'S NOT FOR
PEOPLE LIKE
YOU!

WE WOULD NEVER BECOME
A FAMILY.

I WASN'T HIS SON. HE WASN'T MY FATHER.

SO I CHOSE...

"FOR PEOPLE
LIKE ME"!?

WELL, DO KNOW
THAT I'M DETERMINED
TO LEARN HOW TO DO
MAGIC!

AND I'LL BE A
GREAT WIZARD AND
YOU'RE GOING TO LET ME
HELP YOU WITH YOUR
DIVINATION TASKS!

NO, I DON'T
NEED AN ASSISTANT,
NICO.



...TO BECOME HIS PUPIL..

YOU'RE STUDYING
TO BECOME A
WIZARD?

CAN YOU
STUDY THAT!?

YEP! PENDRAGON
WON'T FREAKING
BELIEVE IT!



SHOW ME YOUR
HOMEWORK, THOUGH,
MARK. DO YOU NEED
HELP?

YES, PLEASE. BUT
DON'T LAUGH.



WHAT
ON EARTH IS
THIS?

YOU'RE SO DUMB,
MARK! NO WONDER
YOU FAIL!

I SAID,
DON'T LAUGH
AT ME!

NEVERMIND, I
THINK I'M GONNA
REPEAT THE YEAR...

FOR THE
SECOND TIME.

BUT HEY, IF I
REPEAT IT FOR THE THIRD
TIME, WE COULD BE
CLASSMATES!

IT WOULD BE
REALLY COOL,
WOULDN'T IT?

OOOH,
THAT'S TRUE!



MARK...?

I WAS
KIDDING, DAD!!
I SWEAR!!

BUT WHOA,
DUDE... STUDYING MAGIC
LIKE YOU'RE DOING, THAT
WOULD BE REALLY COOL...

I'M JEALOUS...



THE MASTER REFUSED
TO TEACH ME.

BUT I KEPT
GOING.

DESPITE THAT...



ALL MY ATTEMPTS
TO DO MAGIC WERE
AN UTTER DISASTER.

I WAS
DESPERATE.



COME ON,
MOVE...

JUST A
LITTLE BIT...

I TURNED UP TO BE
A COMPLETE INEPT.

I SPENT HOURS,
ENTIRE DAYS...

WEEKS,
MONTHS.

YEARS.



STUDYING
BY MYSELF.



PRACTISING.
TRYING THINGS
OVER AND OVER.

BUT I ALWAYS ENDED
UP WITH THE SAME RESULT.



NOTHING.
NOTHING.



NOTHING.
NOTHING.

NOTHING
NOTHING.



NOTHING.



I JUST WANTED HIM...

TO BE PROUD OF ME.

BUT IT WAS USELESS.

I FELT SO MISERABLE.



AND THEN, I NOTICED SOMETHING.

EH, NICO! WHAT
HAPPENED TO YOU
YESTERDAY?

I WAS WAITING
FOR YOU AND YOU
DIDN'T SHOW UP! WE
WERE SUPPOSED TO
MEET UP!

ASH,
THAT'S TRUE.
I'M SORRY.

I WAS JUST
STUDYING... I THINK
I'LL REPEAT THE
YEAR.

I HAVE BEEN
FOCUSING TOO MUCH
ON MAGIC...

LOOK, IT'S
MAKIE EVANS!

HE'S
CUTE!






I'M NEVER GOOD ENOUGH.

I ALWAYS END UP MAKING A
FOOL OF MYSELF.

AT HOME, I HAD LOST THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO
GET CLOSER TO THE MASTER.

I FELT INCREDIBLY LONELY.





SAME THING AT SCHOOL, WITHOUT
EVEN NOTICING IT.

I LET MY ONLY FRIEND COMPLETELY
OVERSHADOW ME.

WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?

WHY WAS HE ALL OF A SUDDEN THE
TALL ONE, THE CUTE ONE, THE POPULAR ONE AND
EVEN THE SMARTEST OF THE TWO?



WHAT COULD I DO?

ONLY ONE THING.

FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING.

REALIZING MAGIC WASN'T MY THING.
ACCEPTING THAT. LIVING WITH IT.

WHAT'S
UP, GUYS? I'M
NICO.

AH! ARE YOU THE
NEW KID? YOU HAD
TO REPEAT THE
YEAR, RIGHT?

HEY...

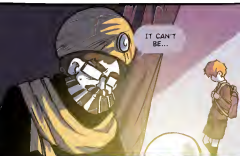


AND UNDERSTANDING THAT...



I COULDN'T
ALWAYS DEPEND ON
MARK.







OBSERVE,
NICÓ...



AH...?



DID HE...

...PERFECTLY
CAST A SPELL AFTER
READING IT JUST
ONCE?

THAT IS...

IMPRESSIVE...



IT IS.

TRULY INCREDIBLE.
THOSE KIDS HAVE AN
ENORMOUS POWER.

I WILL
ADOPT THEM AS
MY PUPILS.

EH??

WHAT... WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING ABOUT,
MASTER?

YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T
NEED A PUPIL.

THIS IS
DIFFERENT.



SOMEONE NEEDS
TO GUIDE THOSE KIDS,
THEY HAVE SO MUCH
POTENTIAL.

BUT...

BUT MASTER...

I... I'M YOUR
PUPIL...





YOU DECIDED THAT
ALL BY YOURSELF,
NICO.

I NEVER AGREED TO
TEACH YOU MAGIC.

BUT...

IT CAN'T BE.



MOREOVER.

I FEEL SICK.

YOU CAN'T DO
MAGIC.

NO...



DON'T WORRY, YOU
CAN STILL LIVE HERE
IF YOU WANT.



HE REPLACED ME.



OH.





AND AT THAT POINT,

I REALLY STARTED TO SCREW THINGS UP.



HELLO EVERYBODY!



IT'S TIME TO SHOW YOU SOME LOVELY
FANARTS I'VE RECEIVED.





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iracute





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HOOKY



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Wyllie

Dorian
Wyllie

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IF YOU WANT TO SEND ME A FANART YOU CAN TAG ME ON
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